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units within Yugoslavia

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Watch:

~~behind~~
~~on each corner of~~ the building.

along the perimeter of the building.

military

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- Major Osoinjk

~~Head of Transportation office~~
~~Automobile Bureau Chief~~ of the division.

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the following regiments depend

on ~~the~~ above-mentioned division headquarters:

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- 136th Infantry Regiment - located at VARAZDIN 50X1-HUM

- An infantry regiment - located at KOPRIVNICA

- An infantry regiment - located at

b) Troops

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136th Infantry Regiment.

Housed in military barracks which are located in the area indicated in the margin, about 800 meters south of the cemetery, consisting of a complex of 7 - 8 buildings.

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The regiment has also an antitank artillery unit.

For towing the pieces, the unit has ten G.M.C.

trucks and a certain number of animals.

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An antiaircraft artillery group (Divizija Protivavionske Artilerije) is stationed in military barracks which are located in the area

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consisting

of:

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No 1) - Troop quarters.

Four-story building, about 15 by 45 meters.

No 2) - Kitchen.

One-story building - about 5 by 7 meters.

No 3) - ^{horse} ~~Carriage~~ ^{trappings} warehouse - equipment for saddling and carriages - etc.

A one-story building as the preceding one.

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No 4) - Tailor, shoemaker, saddle maker, etc workshop.

Four-story building, about 10 by 30 meters.

No 5) - Warehouse for clothing, furniture and equipment for barracks.

Two-story building, about 8 by 20 meters.

No 6) - Wooden barracks used for sheltering artillery pieces.

The military barracks are surrounded by a fence of wooden stakes on three sides, about 1.50 meters ^{high} - the north side has a ~~barbed~~ wire fence.

Near the entrance which is located on the south side of the barracks is a sentinel armed with an ~~automatic~~ ^{submachine gun} rifle.

Strength: about 180 men.

Commander: A captain.

Armament of the unit

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- 8-10 antiaircraft guns - gun barrel, about 2 meters long - caliber, about 80 milimeters - mounted on tire wheels -

of Russian ^{make} production; 50X1-HUM

- 2 antiaircraft machine guns - type and caliber undetermined.

For ~~the~~ transporting these guns an undercarriage with 2 wooden wheels is used. They are drawn by hand.

^{when in} ~~In case of use, they are taken to the undercarriage and~~ ^{is taken away} ~~they are~~ mounted on tripods.

For sheltering these pieces two wooden barracks are used which are located outside of the stake fence of the military barracks, along the eastern side

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- ^V"Mauser" ordinary repeating rifles

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- submachine guns
- ~~automatic rifles~~ of various types, primarily P.P.Sh.,
issued to about 10 percent of the force.

Equipment

- undetermined number of Dodge trucks of 1 1/2 tons,
used for hauling the pieces.

Instructions

Gun instructions are generally given in the vicinity
of the barracks where the guns are ~~placed~~ sheltered.

In case of firing exercises the unit goes to a different
location

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For instructions, such as outside exercises, the unit
is subdivided in 4 groups (batteries ?).

Divisional units.

Beginning of
March 1950

Bakery company

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Housed in the barracks described in the
preceding paragraph.

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Commander: Second Lieutenant JOVANOVIC JOVO.

Political Commissar : A lieutenant.

Strength: about 60 men.

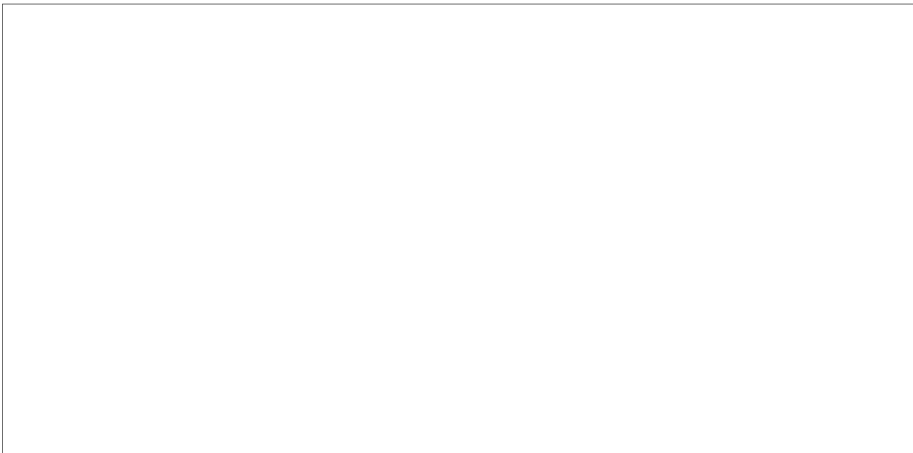
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Armament:

- Mauser ordinary repeating rifles.

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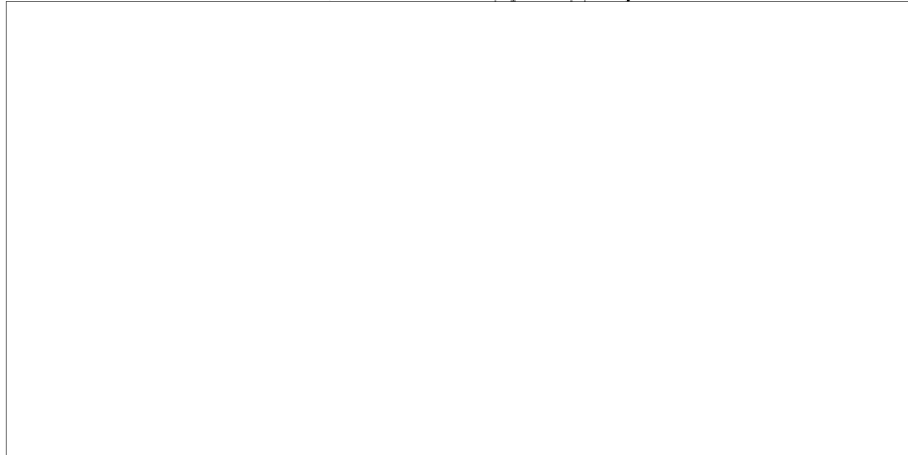
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Engineer company (JNZENJERIJSKA CETA)

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Housed in the same barracks occupied by
the antiaircraft artillery group and
the baker's company.

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Strength: about 100 men.


Armaments:

- ~~V~~Mauser" ordinary repeating rifles
- automatic P.P.Sh. ^{submachine guns} ~~submachine guns~~ with straight clip
- of undetermined type, issued to about 20 percent of the force.
- 5 - 6 "Schwarze" ~~submachine guns~~ automatic rifles.

The unit

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 is training, isolated, in a training field,
about 1 kilometer northeast of the barracks in the vicinity
of the Drava River.

 the soldiers of the

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above-mentioned unit primarily receive instructions in the
building ^{field} ~~preparation of~~ land defenses.

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Divisional transport ^{troop} company (Auto Ceta).

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Housed in military barracks, located about

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1 kilometer north of the cemetery, in the area indicated in the margin, consisting of 8 buildings of various dimensions, one 2-story building, one 3-story building and six one-story buildings.

The complex is surrounded by a wall which is about 2 meters high.

Commander: Lieutenant SIPRAGA PETAR-

Strength: about 25 men.

Military Post: [REDACTED]

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Armament:

- ordinary "Mauser" repeating rifle.

Vehicles assigned to the company:

- 16 "Dodge" trucks, 3 tons.

9 - 10 of them were sent in May-June 1950 to Ljubljana

for a general overhaul of the engines, body repairs, etc.

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At [REDACTED] September 1950 [REDACTED]

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had
none of them/returned.

- 2 "Praha" trucks, 5 tons.

- 1 "Praha" truck converted into an ambulance

- 2 "Skoda" trucks converted into ambulances.

~~In one of the wings of the barracks, at the size of~~
~~about 20 by 50 meters, separated by a wall, are two~~
~~places.~~
has been into 2 halls by a wall.

One is used ~~as~~ a garage, the other, a small and modestly equipped workshop in which only small repairs can be carried out.

The workshop does not have a supply of spare parts.

In case of need they are requested from time to time

by the Divisional ~~Automobile~~ *Transportation* Office [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in Zagreb.

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4 - 5 soldiers and 2 civilian workers work ^{primarily} permanently in the workshop; they are more than sufficient and, 50X1-HUM
 ^{to carry out what} ~~are performing~~ the little work ^{must be} ~~with~~
^{done for} ~~regard to~~ the ordinary maintenance of ~~the~~ motor vehicles.

The remaining personnel (18-20 soldiers) comprises drivers; each one is assigned to a motor vehicle.

The use of the above-mentioned vehicles is restricted they and/can only be used in case they are absolutely needed and when special orders are given by the Divisional ^{Transp.} ~~Automobile~~ Office. All ~~the~~ units stationed in Varazdin operate their exclusively daily ~~transportation~~ services/by means of ^{animal} ~~horse~~-drawn ^{vehicle} ~~vehicles~~. 50X1-HUM
~~transports~~.

October 1950

Engineer Communication Unit

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Located in the same military barracks in which the Divisional Transport ^{Co} Company is stationed. 50X1-HUM

Commander: A captain (?)

Strength: 20-25 men

Armament:

- ordinary "Mauser" repeating rifles
- 3-4 "Schwarze" automatic rifles

Equipment:

- 1 radio station mounted on a motor vehicle
- several field telephones, type unidentified

c) Depots 50X1-HUM

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Fuel deposit ^{to}
VARAZDIN

Located several ^{dozen} ~~ten~~ meters from the two barracks in which the guns assigned to the Antiaircraft Artillery Group

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It is ~~a concealed cistern~~ ^{in tank in the ground} - with a capacity of about 200 hectoliters. Around the ~~cistern~~ ^{tank}, a ~~barbed~~ wire fence, about 1.50 meters high, extends about 200 meters, forming a square.

The fuel is used for the usual needs.

d) Services

September 1950

Military hospital

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Located in the vicinity of the barracks in which the transports company and engineer communication company ~~is~~ ^{are} housed.

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It consists of ~~two~~ ^a large 4-story building ~~in~~ the shape of a horseshoe and of a wing which is about 15 by 30 meters.

The ~~complex~~ ^{compound} is partly enclosed by a wire net and partly by a ~~barbed~~ wire fence.

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~~ovens~~ ^{ovens} for the production of bread

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In a 2-story building, about 15 by 20 meters,

are 2

coal ~~ovens~~ ^{ovens}.

Only one is in operation. It works uninterrupted ^{by} for 24 hours.

The bread is baked in 800-gram loaves ^{loaves} which is the daily ration for two soldiers (400 grams per soldier).

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Before the ~~loads~~^{are} are distributed to the units they are divided in ^{two} parts. This is done, most likely, to avoid the trouble [redacted]

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Miscellaneous

Morale of the troops

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Very depressed. [redacted] among the various 50X1-HUM

causes which have a bad influence on the morale of the soldiers of the army (iron discipline - poor nutrition -

etc) which primarily contributes to depress them is the ~~contrast~~^{obvious} ~~opposition~~^{opposition} to ~~openly~~^{openly} ~~inconsistent~~^{inconsistent} the economic ~~and~~^{and} food situation of the nation ~~that~~^{which}, although presented by the political commissars as more than satisfactory, is, ~~instead~~^{instead} ~~described~~^{described} by the ~~source~~^{soldiers' families}, ~~pictured~~^{pictured} as unstable and disturbed.

Mail censorship

[redacted] ^{a large portion} incoming ~~most~~^{most} of the correspondence is censored.

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It often happens that some letters are thrown into the waste-basket.

~~There does not appear to be any censorship on~~^{There does not appear to be any censorship on}
~~The source does not know the procedure of the outgoing~~^{The source does not know the procedure of the outgoing}
correspondence.

Particularly controlled is the mail directed to ^{the} soldiers who have ^{applications pending for citizenship option and who, in order to} chosen to serve in the Yugoslavian army, those have, ^{avoid serious trouble, have been told} to ~~forestall uncomfortable feelings, prematurely advised~~ their families not to discuss political, economical or military matters ^{which might in some way prejudice their case}.

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